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TO: Secretary of State

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SENT TEHRAN 87, DEPARTMENT 10, NIACT BASRA 6, NIACT BAGHDAD 6.

Admiral commanding Khorramshahr naval base has been instructed by Tehran provided escort all (#) from Iraqis. Escort will be two US Coast Guard designed PC boats plus additional ships if necessary. When asked if orders would authorize firing on Iraqis, Admiral's representative in meeting with Cullom and Consul in Consulate replied affirmative. In reply question what IIN would do if Iraqis moored barges across channel answered would (#) instructions Tehran. PANAM instructed notify IIN Khorramshahr 24 hours in advance any planned ship movement in order prepare IIN escort. Cullom asked what IIN would do if PANAM wanted move ship without escort. Reply was that if PANAM indicated willingness accept all responsibilities Admiral would request further instructions from Tehran. Above effective to now. Applies only to PANAM ships. IIN has so far no instructions re pilots and escorts for other merchant ships.

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(#) Omission. Correction to follow.

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